

Subject:

Authorizing Resolution for FY 2011 Annual Transportation Program Grant

Maryland Transportation Administration

To:

Lonnie Robbins

Chief Administrative Officer

Through:

Marsha McLaughlin, Director

Department of Planning and Zoning

From:

Carl Balser, Chief

Division of Transportation Planning

Date:

April 29, 2010

The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution _____ - 2010 for the application to receive Federal and State grant funds through the Maryland Transportation Administration (MTA). The MTA requires that an Authorizing Resolution be completed by all jurisdictions that receive funds from MTA's Large Urban Public Transportation Program, Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program, Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP), Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program. The Resolution is completed as part of the application of grant funding for transportation services from the MTA.

The Resolution will have a positive fiscal impact on Howard County in that it will allow the County to utilize Federal and State grant funds to subsidize Howard Transit and HT Ride, the County's local bus service. Attached is a chart which describes each of the grant programs, the Howard County account number and a comparison of the funding requested for FY 2010 and FY 2011.

The Resolution requires approval of the County Council and the County Executive and certification by the County Council Recording Officer. Once complete, the Department of Planning and Zoning will forward a copy of the Resolution to the MTA.

Your assistance in approving and executing this document is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this mater, please call Benjamin Pickar at extension 4360.

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Attachment

cc:

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Ray Wacks, Director, Office of Budget Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator

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File: FY 2011 ATP Grant Application – Operating Assistance

Grant Name and Description	Howard County Account No.	FY 2010 Federal/State Funding through MTA	Requested FY 2011 Federal/State Funding through MTA	Required FY 2011 County Matching Funds ¹
Large Urban Public Transportation Program (incorporates Section 5307 and Rural and Community Based Grants into one area) – Provides funding for Howard Transit Fixed Route Bus Service	051-016-0511	\$1,367,425	\$1,367,425 (80%)	\$341,856.2 (Required 20%)
Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program – Provides funding for Howard Transit Fixed Route Bus Service	051-016-0512	\$388,416	\$388,416 (75%)	\$129,472 (Required 25%)
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – Provides funding for HT Ride ADA Paratransit Bus Service	051-016-0611	\$430,000	\$430,000 (Discretionary)	\$59,780.43 (Required 10%)
Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program (SSTAP) – Provides funding for HT Ride General Paratransit Bus Service	051-016-0612	\$162,520	\$162,520	\$0
Section 5309 Capital Assistance Program – Provides funding for Capital Improvement Program C-0289 – Transportation Maintenance and Repair Facility and Capital Improvement Program C-0323 - Transit buses, preventive maintenance, capital equipment utilized for transportation services.	810-99C-0289 and 810-99C-0323	\$2,678,000 (from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant)	\$1,728,000 Capital Buses/Equipment and \$23,500,000 Transit Facility	10% Required Match

Howard County provides additional funds for administration, operation and a subsidy to non-profit agencies that provide transportation to their clients.

¹ Amounts are those requested from the MTA and may differ from the actual grant award.